

Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding comprising a base plate with a pivoting heel strap attached on both sides and around an axis that runs transverse to the base plate, with a highback ~~shell-shell,~~ attached to the inner side of the heel strap, whose lower edge area also lies on the heel strap in the middle of the riding position, and with a device to fix the pivot angle of the heel strap, characterized in that there is a pivoting joint between the highback shell and the heel strap ~~(5) has a pivoting attachment to the base plate (1) around an axis (6) that runs transverse to the base plate (1), the lower edge area of so that the highback shell (7) also lying on the heel strap (5) in the middle when in can be tilted forward from the riding position, and with a device to fix the pivot angle of the heel strap (5) position when the rider steps out of the binding.~~
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 1, characterized in that the base plate ~~(1) for the~~ pivoting attachment of the heel strap has sidewalls ~~(2, 3) extending upwards for the pivot attachment of the heel strap (5).~~
4. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 1, characterized in that the device to fix the pivot axis of the heel strap ~~(5) is positioned at a distance from the pivot axis (6) of the heel strap (5).~~

5. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 1, characterized in that there is a damping pad between the heel strap ~~(5)~~ and the base plate ~~(1)~~.
6. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 1, characterized in that the device to fix the pivot angle of the heel strap ~~(5)~~ ~~pushes~~ presses the heel strap ~~(5)~~ against the base plate ~~(1)~~.
7. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 5, characterized in that the attachment results from a frictional connection or form closure between the base plate ~~(1)~~ and the heel strap ~~(5)~~.
8. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 7, characterized in that a toothing arrangement is provided to achieve form closure between the base plate ~~(1)~~ and the heel strap ~~(5)~~.
9. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 1, characterized in that a screw ~~(12, 13)~~ is provided that engages with both the heel strap ~~(5)~~ and the base plate ~~(1)~~ ~~so as to~~ press the heel strap ~~(5)~~ against the base plate ~~(1)~~.
10. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 9, characterized in that the screw ~~(12, 13)~~ extends through the sidewall ~~(2, 3)~~ at a distance from the heel strap pivot axis ~~(6)~~ and is ~~then~~ fed through a slit ~~(14, 15)~~ in the heel strap ~~(5)~~ ~~and/or~~ or the sidewall ~~(2, 3)~~.
11. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 1, characterized in that a screw gearing

arrangement is provided to adjust and fix the pivot angle of the heel strap—(5).

12. (Currently Amended) Snowboard binding according to Claim 11, characterized in that the screw gearing arrangement comprises a threaded spindle ~~(19)~~ with its having ends positioned on the base plate ~~(1)~~, and which extends through a nut ~~(23)~~ that engages with the heel strap—(5).